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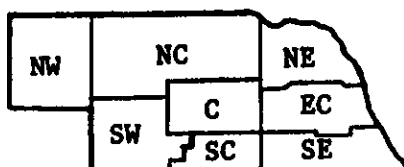
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WEATHER

Precipitation in the form of rain or snow showers occurred over the extreme northern portion of the State early in the week. Amounts ranged from a trace to two-tenths of an inch. Temperatures were below normal by five degrees in the southeast with no snow cover and near ten degrees below normal over the snow-covered west and north.

GENERAL

Farmers and ranchers in western and northern sections of Nebraska spent much of their time digging out from the blizzard conditions of a week earlier. In other areas, limited harvesting continued but progress was difficult due to high moisture levels and wet fields. About 4.0 days were suitable for fieldwork as many operators took advantage of frozen ground.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated as surplus in 26% of the counties, adequate in 71%, and short in only 3%. Subsoil moisture supplies were rated as adequate in 85% of the State and short in 15%. Soil moisture supply ratings are not available for a year ago but current levels are generally more plentiful.

Diesel and gasoline supplies were rated as 95% adequate and 5% tight while LP gas was generally adequate.

CROPS

Corn harvest was reported as nearly 95% complete, behind a year ago when harvesting was complete and slightly behind the normal 95% for this date. Most corn remaining in the field is located in the Panhandle and northeastern areas of Nebraska. Further harvest depends on additional snowfall and in fields with heavy snow cover may be virtually halted until spring.

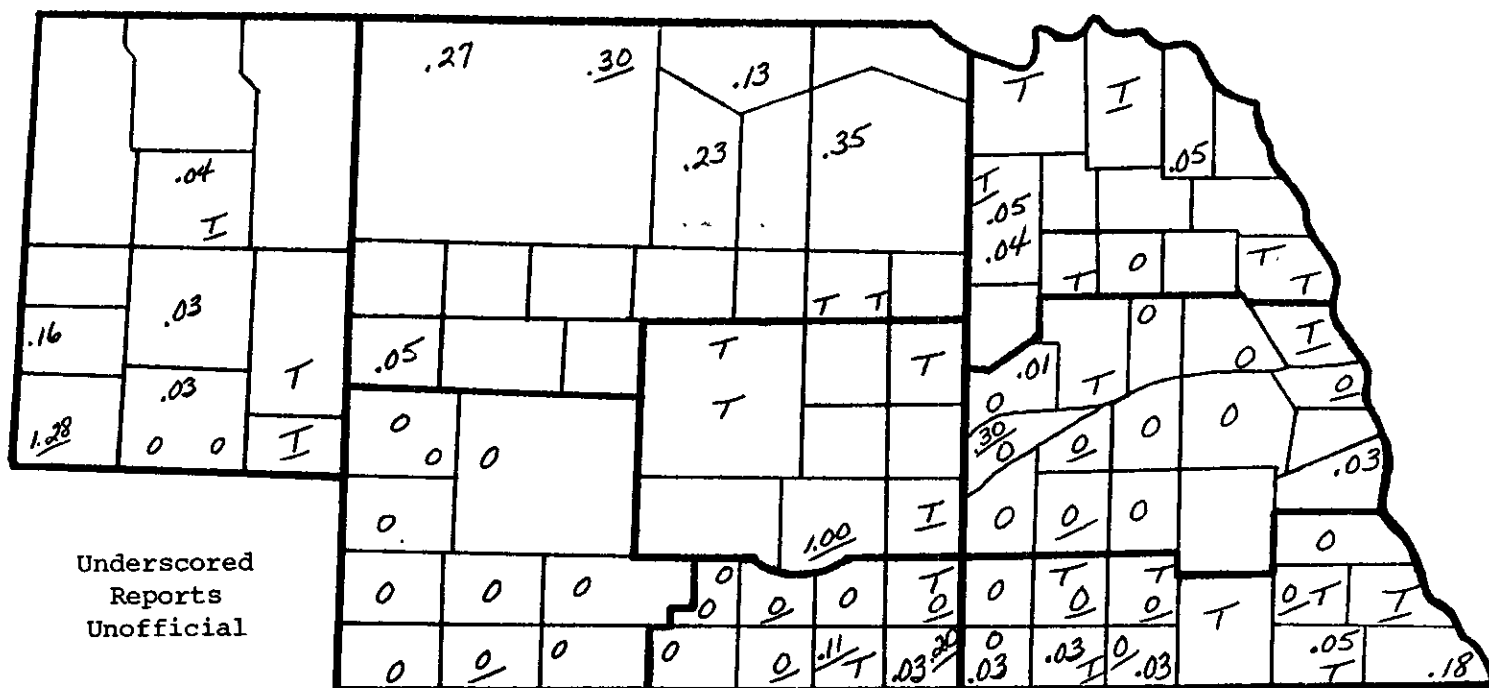
The winter wheat condition was reported as 46% good, 46% fair, and 8% poor. Most stands of wheat have entered dormancy under favorable moisture conditions.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies were rated as adequate in 60% of the counties and short in 40%. Snow cover in several areas was preventing use of pastures and stalk fields for grazing. Recent cold weather has put stock under additional stress. Some minor livestock death losses occurred from the storm in the western border counties.

Weekly reports are being discontinued and the report will be issued once a month until early spring. The next report will be released January 7, 1980.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1979



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1979

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	39	9	23	---	0
Scottsbluff	45	5	21	-10	.04
Sidney	35	8	18	---	0
NC Burwell	35	2	17	---	T
Valentine	39	5	20	-9	T
NE Norfolk	36	10	22	-8	T
Sioux City	38	8	23	-7	.03
CEN Grand Island	40	13	25	-7	T
EC Lincoln	44	10	27	-6	0
Omaha	44	11	28	-3	T
SW Imperial	43	5	20	---	0
North Platte	41	6	21	-10	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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